an active opposition on the part of the Travancoreans themselves, even of a somewhat unintelligent minority, would prove an insuperable obstacle to the scheme which, for its success, must depend on the active co-operation of these very elements ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer I just gave covers this also.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : In view of the passages that I read out now, do the Government concede that it is on the strength of the agitation in Travancore that Messrs. Brooke Bond Company was compelled to drop the scheme ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : So far as the Government are concerned, they had the Company's letter before them. It is not possible to say what the Company had in their mind.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Can we infer that it was merely on the strength of the agitation that the scheme was dropped ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The member is at liberty to draw any inference.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Is the member unable to draw any inference ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Since it is patent on the face of it, I do not feel called upon to draw any inference.

Mahomedan Teachers and special Mahomedan Holidays.

56. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Inspector of English Schools issued a circular in 1924 to the effect that the Mahomedan employees in Government schools should take casual leave if they want to avail themselves of the special Mahomedan holidays sanctioned by the Government ; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the Headmasters of some of the English Schools do not permit Mahomedan teachers under them to avail themselves of the special Mahomedan holidays, without taking casual leave ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Director reports that the practice is to allow Mahomedan teachers in non-Mahomedan schools to go on casual leave on Mahomedan holidays.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : Do the Government approve of the circular ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The question of the Government's approval or disapproval has not been asked for.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*) : As it stands here, do they approve of the circular ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That will take time for consideration.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Does this practice exist in any other department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say now. That has not been asked for in the original question. The member had asked for information only about the Mahomedan employees in Government schools. As regards whether that practice obtains in any other department, information has to be called for.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Have the Government any objection in allowing the Mahomedan employees in Government schools to avail themselves of the special Mahomedan holidays sanctioned by Government without taking special casual leave?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is a matter for consideration.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Do the Government know that they are virtually taking away what they have once given by a Proclamation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is not a question calling for an answer.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 44.**

Statement showing the names of medical officers deputed for cholera duty.

No.	Name.	Designation.	Qualification.	Length of service in 1100.	
				Years.	Months.
1.	C. V. Padmanabha Pillai (Eraniel Cholera duty) ...	Sub-Assistant Surgeon.	L. M. P. (Madras)	1	10
2.	P. A. Nilakanta Pillai (Mailadi Cholera duty) ...	Do.	Do.	4	7
3.	S. Sankaranarayana Aiyar (Tamaracolam Cholera duty) ...	Do.	Do.	7	3
4.	K. A. Arumukham Pillai (Kumili Cholera duty) ...	Do.	Do.	5	10

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